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# WEB MASTER NEEDED

Metropolitan area sections of the American Chemical Society maintain three web pages: theindicator.org, njacs.org and newyorkacs.org

Please review these web sites and provide a synopsis of how you will provide maximum benefit to our members. In addition, please forward your resumes to: sturchio@optonline.net, or

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#### NEW YORK SECTION ACS - CHAIR'S MESSAGE

Greetings to all the members of the New York Section of ACS

I am honored to represent you as your 2007 ACS-NY Chair. With the outstanding leadership of my predecessors, the New York Section is on an excellent course. I must also congratulate all our 'volunteers', who have kept our subsections, committees, and topical groups functioning at peak performance. Thank you for being hardworking and committed.

ACS 2006 President E. Ann Nalley has stressed volunteerism. Please look over the activities that are available. I am aware that time is a factor - but - I do ask that you become active in at least one area and support that group with your time and energy.

What does the New York Section have to offer? Subsections (Brooklyn, Hudson-Bergen Long Island, Staten Island, Westchester and Rockland); Topical Discussion Groups (High School Teachers, Analytical, Biochemical, Chemical Marketing and Economics, Computers in Chemistry, Inorganic and Organometallic, Metrowomen Chemists of New York and North Jersey, Nanotechnology, Organic, Retired Chemists, and the Younger Chemists Club). The committees are Education (Chemical Education, Graduate Student Posters, Chemagination, High School Chemistry Olympiad, National Chemistry Week, Nichols High School Chemistry Teacher Award, Project Seed); Member Affairs (Awards, employment and Professional Relations, History of the New York Section, Membership, Outstanding Service Award); Public Affairs (Congressional Science Counselors, Environmental Chemistry, Academe & Industrial Relations, Fund Raising, Information Technology, Photography and Publicity, and Public Relations).

#### Please Join Us and Take Part in the Activities:

The Annual Meeting on January 20, 2007 is at St. John's University. Our speaker will be 2005 ACS President Dr. William F. Carroll, Jr. Come and talk to the Project Seed and Chemagination students, as they display their research and projects. The Section's Service Award and the Nichols High School Chemistry Teacher Award will be presented to two outstanding individuals. All topical groups and committees will be represented at the meeting. This is a wonderful time to introduce yourself. We need your input and suggestions!

The Nichols Symposium and Dinner is on March 16, 2007 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in White Plains. Our Nichols Medalist is Professor Nicholas J. Turro of Columbia University.

Spring brings the Student Affiliate and Undergraduate Research Symposium. Experience the research achievements of our students.

In October, we celebrate National Chemistry Week. Did you see the wonderful turnout this year at the Hall of Science? Did you participate in your local section activities?

#### New ACS Activities:

ACS is trying to increase awareness between the chemist and the public by introducing the "Science Café". A program of general interest to be held at a local café, which encourages socializing and a more personal way to communicate while making the public feel comfortable with science.

ACS realizes the importance of the High School Chemistry teacher instilling in students a desire to pursue a science career. A partnership with the Division of Chemical Education includes membership in the division and the ability to receive appropriate articles from the Journal of Chemical Education.

ACS has developed a program for the formation of High School Chemistry Clubs. Inform your local high school chemistry teachers of these programs and to contact ACS at chemistry.org for more information.

2006 President Nalley encouraged everyone to join LAN (Legislative Action Network). Be knowledgeable about government affairs and the role ACS has played in major funding

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#### CHAIR'S MESSAGE

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#### New York:

We have started a Government Affairs Committee.

Please invite your local politicians to your meetings. Let them know that ACS is alive and eager to share information. Do the politicians and general public in your area know about the contributions of chemistry to their economic and social lifestyles?

#### Work to do:

Major challenge in the New York Section is in terms of changes in the local chemical related industries and how we can best serve those members involved.

The 2007-2009 Strategic Plan of ACS is to guide the organization in realizing its vision: "Improving People's Lives Through the Transforming Power of Chemistry". Be a part of the solution, share your ideas and suggestions and volunteer! WE NEED YOU!

Sincerely,

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#### THIS MONTH IN CHEMICAL HISTORY - PART I

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Prepared for SCALACS, the Journal of the Southern California, Orange County, and San Gorgonio Sections of the American Chemical Society

The name Edwin E. Slosson is probably not one that many of my readers will recognize. But in his time Slosson was the leading popularizer of science in the United States, and in many books and hundreds of articles helped give science a positive image in the public mind. When I came across a copy of Slosson's "Creative Chemistry" in a local thrift shop I felt I had to learn more about its author. The biographical material that follows is drawn from the Master's Thesis of David J. Rhees which I found on the web-site of The National Museum of American History (The Smithsonian).

Slosson was born in Kansas in 1865, and after a European tour upon graduation from high school he enrolled at the University of Kansas where he earned a B.S. degree in 1890, and an M.S. in 1892. His studies were eclectic and included chemistry, physics, geology, and psychology. He was elected to both Phi Beta Kappa and Sigma Xi. He then took a post as Assistant Professor of Chemistry at the University of Wyoming. The pay was sufficient to allow him to marry May Preston, the first woman to earn a Ph. D. at Cornell University.

Slosson ran a one-person chemistry department at Wyoming for the next 13 years and spent his summers at the University of Chicago, working under the direction of Julius Stieglitz, a pioneer of physical organic chemistry. Slosson received his Ph.D. in 1902. During this period, doubtless in his copious free time, he began contributing articles to various journals, particularly the periodical "The Independent" edited by Hamilton Holt. Slosson was offered the position of Literary Editor of this journal, gave up chemistry, and turned to full-time writing. Over the next seventeen years he helped expand the subscription base of "The Independent" from a few thousand subscribers to over one hundred thousand. During this period Slosson himself wrote between 3000 and 6000 words a week for the periodical.

One of his most popular series of articles was on "Great American Universities" and this was collected and published as a book in 1919. It is said that Woodrow Wilson especially admired the chapter on Princeton which was very critical of that institution. A further series on aspects of chemistry was collected and published in 1919 as "Creative Chemistry." The copy I have was published by Garden City Publishing Co., Inc., New York and is dedicated to Slosson's first teacher [of chemistry?] Professor E. H. S. Bailey of the University of Kansas, and to his last teacher, Stieglitz. "Creative Chemistry" became a best-seller and during the following decade sold over 200,000 copies.

Slosson became Editor at Science Service in 1920. In that same year, after the results from Eddington's solar eclipse expedition testing Einstein's theory of relativity became known, he wrote one of the first popular treatments of the theory: "Easy Lessons in Einstein". Slosson's total output was prodigious. It included 18 books; and over 2000 signed articles of which over 400 were on science. He was the best known popularizer of science in the United States.

In 1929 Rollins College in Florida was about to appoint Slosson "Professor of Things in General" when, unexpectedly, he died.

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# **New York Meetings**

# www.newyorkacs.org HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS TOPICAL GROUP

# Have You Ever Wondered ...?

Speaker: Dr. Joe Schwarcz Director, McGill Office for Science and Society Department of Chemistry MAASS Chemistry Building McGill University Montreal, Canada

Have You Ever Wondered ... Why for years and years there were no red M&M's, or how to get that maraschino cherry to float in the syrup inside a Cherry Blossom? Why does popcorn pop? Why are there holes in Swiss cheese? Have you every considered why there are no nuts or grapes in Grape Nuts Flakes or why witches supposedly use broomsticks as a method of transportation? Why did Van Gogh mangle his ear? Were Agatha Christie's accounts of dastardly poisoning based on real science? Can chocolate really make you fall in love? etc.

Date: Friday, December 1, 2006 Social and Dinner 5:45 PM Caffe Pane e Cioccolato 10 Waverly Place at Mercer Street Time: Place

- (south-west corner) New York, NY No reservations required (You eat, you pay cash only, no credit cards.) Meeting 7:15 PM New York University Time:
- Place: Silver Center Room 207 32 Waverly Place (south-east corner Washington Sq. East) New York, NY

Security at NYU requires that you show a picture ID to enter the building. In case of unexpected severe weather, call John Roeder, 212-497-6500, between 9 AM and 2 PM to verify that meeting is still on; 914-961-8882 for other info.

Note: Street parking is free after 6:00 PM. For those who prefer indoor attended park-ing, it is available at the Melro/Romar Garages. The entrance is on the west side of Broadway just south of 8th Street, direct-ly across from Astor Place. It is a short, easy walk from the garage to the restaurant or meeting room.



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#### HUDSON-BERGEN CHEMICAL SOCIETY - JOINT MEETING WITH THE CHEMISTRY CLUB OF RAMAPO COLLEGE, SIGMA XI. AND THE SCIENTIFIC **RÉSEARCH SOCIETY**

#### Miracle Materials: The World of Plastics

Speaker: Dr Ariel Fenster

McGill University

Our life would be unimaginable without the modern synthetic materials that chemical research has produced. We sleep on polyester sheets, we walk on nylon carpeting, we wear acrylic clothes and we pay with "plastic" money. This presentation traces the development of these miracle products from the early wood derivatives to the materials used in the space program. Accounts of the discovery of rubber, the story of nylon are minaled with the description of superabsorbent materials and bullet-proof vests and are accompanied with numerous fasci-nating demonstrations.

Ariel Fenster teaches at McGill University, where he is a founding member of the Office for Science and Society, an organization dedicated to disseminating up-to-date information in the areas of food, food issues, medications, and the environment and health topics in general. Dr. Fenster is well known as an outstanding communicator and an exceptional promoter of science with an extensive program, developed over nearly three decades. Over that period he has given close to 600 lectures and public presentations in English and in French across North America and Overseas. He appears regularly on TV and radio to discuss health. environmental and technology issues and has presented numerous science segments for children's television. Recently he was seen in French on Radio-Canada's popular daily health show "37,5" and in English on the "Discovery" science show "What's that all about?" His contributions to teaching, and to the popularization of science, have been recognized by numerous awards. Among them: the "Award for Excellence in Chemistry Teaching" by the U.S. Chemical Manufacturers Association and the "McNeil Medal for the Public Awareness of Science from the Royal Society of Canada (inaugural award). Ariel Fenster, who is a native of the wine-growing region of Bergerac, France, holds a Master's degree from the

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University of Paris and a Ph.D. from McGill University

Date:	Friday December 1, 2006		
Time:	Social 5:30 PM		
	Dinner 6:00 PM		
	Seminar 7:00 PM		
Place:	Ramapo College of New Jersey		
	Room: Trustees Pavilion 1		
	Mahwah, NJ		
Cost:	\$20, \$10 for students,		
	no cost for seminar only		
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ease contact Ms. Sherrill Cox by e-mail at scox@ramapo.edu by November 22, 2006.

### **METROWOMEN CHEMISTS -**COLLEGE OF ST. ELIZABETH STUDENT AFFILIATES

**Career Forum and Networking Meeting** Speaker: Valerie J. Kuck

Date: Monday, December 4, 2006

For further information, see under North Jersey Meetings, page 16.



#### **BIOCHEMICAL TOPICAL GROUP** JOINT MEETING WITH THE NYAS BIOCHEMICAL PHARMACOLOGY DISCUSSION GROUP

#### Multiple Targets for Alzheimer's Disease: Gamma-Secretase and Tau

Organizers: Donna Barten Bristol-Myers Squibb

#### Barbara Petrack Drew University, and Barbara Tate Pfizer GR&D

Speakers: Mark Shearman Merck Research Laboratories Thomas Lanz

Pfizer GR&D Michael Wolfe

Brigham & Women's Hospital David Holtzman Washington University Frank LaFerla University of California, Irvine

Peter Davies Albert Einstein College of Medicine

Michael Hutton Mayo Clinic Jacksonville

Leonard Petrucelli Mayo Clinic Jacksonville

# Date:

# Time:

Tuesday, December 5, 2006 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM New York Academy of Sciences 7 World Trade Center Place: 250 Greenwich Street - 40th Floor New York, NY

Space is limited. Reserve a seat on-line at http://www.nyas.org/events

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# **CHEMICAL MARKETING &** ECONOMICS (CM&E) GROUP

Chemicals from Coal

- Speaker: Mike Kratochwill Vice President Finance & Strategy or Ed Glatzer Principal Nexant Chem Systems White Plains, NY Thursday, December 7, 2006 Date:
- Cocktails 11:30 AM Times: Luncheon 12 noon Presentation 1:15 PM Place: The Chemists' Club 40 West 45th Street New York, NY \$40 discount price for Members Fees: who reserve by the Tuesday

before the meeting (12 noon). \$55 for Guests and Members (at the door without reservations).

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#### Alternative Energy Conference: Beyond \$50 Petroleum

A full-day conference with informative tutorials, case histories, exhibits, and a technical panel discussion. Sponsored by the Metro New York Section of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers, the CM&E, and the New York Academy of Sciences

- Date: Thursday, November 30, 2006 Times: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- New York Academy of Science HQ Place: 7 World Trade Center 250 Greenwich Street (40th Floor)

New York, NY \$100 for members: \$125 others. Costs: Details at:

#### www.nyas.org/alternativeenergy

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# LONG ISLAND SUBSECTION

Holiday Dinner and Meeting Announcement

**Chemistry and Art** Speaker: Dr. Sasan Karimi

Department of Chemistry Queensborough Community College-CUNY

Through the science of building molecules, numerous products employed in the arts such as paints and pigments, solvents and media, synthetic fibers and dyes, and photographic materials have been synthesized and characterized. The efforts of conservation scientists to restore works of art have been most productive over the years. Some aspects of material composition of paintings using x-ray fluorescence, the use of infrared reflectography, and x-radiography to examine underdrawings will be discussed

Date: Thursday, December 7, 2006 Nassau Community College College Center Building Place:

Room 252 Times: Coffee 5:30 PM Seminar 6:00 PM Dinner 7:00 PM (served buffet style following seminar)

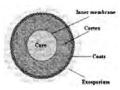
Map of NCC campus showing location of talk and dinner: http://facpub.stjohns. edu/~rossor/NCCmap.jpg

#### WESTCHESTER CHEMICAL SOCIETY

Bacillus Spores As Natural Ionic Nanoreservoirs: A Physico-chemical Approach

Speaker: Sergev Kazakov Assistant Professor Pace University Pleasantville, NY

Spores are the most environmentally resistant organisms known in nature. The paradoxical feature of dormant spores is that, being insensitive to environmental insults and metabolically inactive, they permanently monitor the external environment permanently in order to trigger germination in the



presence of a specific nutrient, i.e., the "spore life" is a balance between stabiliza-tion factors and germination effectors, and this balance is not static – spores reveal changes in physico-chemical properties with time. In this work, the concept of

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# Education

	try Courses, Spring 2007 Newark Campus of Rutgers.
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Drs. Huixin He & Richard Mendelsohn Mon 6:00–8:50 pm, 240 Smlth Hall 517 Photochemistry Dr. Elena Galoppini Tue 6:00–8:50 pm, 240 Smith Hall	To learn about non-degree, or full-time and part-time graduate programs, go to http://chemistry.rutgers.edu, or call the graduate secretary
584 Enzyme Kinetics and Mechanism Dr. Frank Jordan Wed 6:00–8:50 pm, 240 Smith Hall	at 973-353-5173, or send email to gradchem@newark.rutgers.edu
577 Main–Group Metal Chemistry Dr. Frieder Jaekle Thr 6:00–8:50 pm, 240 Smith Hall	The Spring 2007 term begins on Tuesday, January 16.

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#### WESTCHESTER CHEMICAL SOCIETY

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'dynamic spore" is tested for the spore pregermination states which key feature is reversibility of changes. The kinetics of proton exchange between spores and surroundings was examined by the timeresolved measurements of pH equilibration in spores' suspensions under different conditions effecting on spore germination (activation temperature and nutrients). To char-acterize the dynamic states of spores, they were considered as natural ionic reservoirs with the ability to accumulate and release ions in response to environmental conditions. A Scatchard-like approach to equilibrium binding of protons to ionizable groups within spores was developed to show that each spore behaves like almost an infinite reservoir capable of accumulating billions of protons. Kinetics of proton consumption by spores was a multi-step process reflecting their multilayered structure. The results are of great potential for understanding the phenomenological and molecular mechanisms of germination and sporulation of the Bacillus bacteria and for the development of new methods of spore detection and identification.

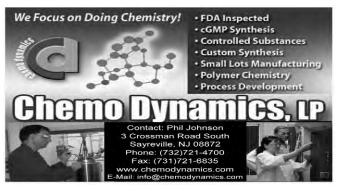
Dr. Kazakov earned his Ph.D. at the Moscow State University (Russia). In 1998, he was awarded Doctor of Sciences degree by The Russian Higher Attestation Committee. Since September 2003 Dr. Kazakov has been teaching physical chemistry at Pace

University. Before this appointment he has got the relevant post-doctoral experience working as a research scientist and adjunct professor at the Department of Chemical Engineering, Chemistry, and Materials Science of Polytechnic University (2000-2003, Brooklyn, NY) and as a visiting scientist at the Department of Biotechnology of Lund University (1998-2000, Sweden). His current research activity concentrates on hydrogel/lipid bilayer assemblies mimicking cell membrane structures. Dr. Kazakov published more than 80 original papers in peer-reviewed international journals. Recently, his chapter "Phase transitions in smart poly mer solutions and light scattering in biotechnology and bioprocessing" has been accepted for publication in the book: SMART POLYMERS: Production, study and application in biotechnology and biomedicine (2007). The review "Liposome-nanogel structures for future pharmaceutical applications" is now in press in Cur. Pharm. Design, 12, 2006. Date:

- Date: Thursday, December 7, 2006 Times: Registration - Social Hour 5:30 PM Presentation 6:15 PM Place: Pace University 861 Bedford Road Pleasantville, NY
- Cost: This seminar is offered free of charge.

Directions: http://appserv.pace.edu/execute/ page.cfm?doc\_id=16153

Contact Dr. Karen Caldwell [kcaldwell@ pace.edu] for more information.



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#### AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY'S NEW YORK SECTION -2007 SECTION-WIDE CONFERENCE - ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY Saturday, January 20, 2007 Date: 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM St. John's University, Council Hall, 8000 Utopia Parkway. Jamaica, NY Times<sup>.</sup> Place: Cost: Free to all PROGRAM 9:30 AM Arrival and Refreshments - Welcome to the ACS, New York Section's 2007 Section-wide Conference and to St. John's University. Greetings from the 2007 Chair of the ACS 10:00 AM New York Section Joan A. Laredo-Liddell Award Presentations. 10.10 AM Service Plaque and Pin to the 2006 NY Section Chair Jill K. Rehmann New York Section Outstanding Service Award for 2006 Frank R. Romano Nichols Foundation H.S. Chemistry Teacher Award for 2006 Sara Henry McCov Salutes to Excellence Awards Hall of Science, David Sherman Vijaya L. Korlipara, Richard D. Cassetta 10:30 AM Report of the 2007 Elections Nominating Committee. Marc A. Walters, (Presentation of Candidates) 2007 Chair-elect 10:45 AM Keynote Presentation. Dr. William F. Carroll, Jr. ACS. Immediate Past President 11:45 AM Coffee Break Poster Presentations by New York Section Project Seed and Chemagination Students 12:00 PM ACS, New York Section Committee Planning Sessions for 2007. Educational Activities (Chemagination, Chemical Education, Continuing Education, Graduate Student Posters, High School Olympiad, National Chemistry Week, Nichols Foundation Teacher Award, Project Seed, Student Affiliate) Chair: Sr. Mary L. Maier Member Affairs Awards, Employment and Professional Relations, NYACS History, Indicator, Membership, Minority Affairs, Outstanding Service Award) Chair: Ralph Stephani Program Review (Subsection and Topical Discussion Group Chairs) Chair: Anne T. O'Brien Public Affairs (Academe and Industrial Relations, Community Relations and Publicity, Congressional Science Counselors, Environmental Chemistry, Fund Raising, Information Technology, Speakers Bureau) Chair: Robert P. Nolan 12:45 PM Reports from the Chairs of the Committee Planning Sessions. 1:00 PM Conclusion of the Meeting. Join with colleagues for lunch at a local restaurant. To inquire about the Section-wide Conference, please call the New York Section Office at 516-883-7510 or e-mail Marilyn Jespersen, Office Administrator, at: njesper1@optonline.net Directions are at http://www.stjohns.edu/about/directions/directions/queens/queens.sju Scientists, teachers and students of all levels are invited to participate.

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#### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The New York Section Nominating Committee will meet in December to select candidates for the 2007 elections.

Positions available are:

Chair-elect for 2008 Treasurer for 2008-2009 Directors-at-Large for 2008 Councilors and Alternate Councilors for 2008 - 2010

If a member of the ACS New York Section wishes to recommend a member for consideration by the Nominating Committee, please do so in writing by December 2, 2006 to the American Chemical Society, New York Section, St. John's University, Department of Chemistry, 8000 Utopia Parkway, Jamaica, NY 11439. Your recom-mendation may also be e-mailed to njesper1@optonline.net.

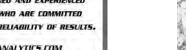




Dr. John B. Sheridan, Rutgers, Newark (I) and Dr. Kenneth Yamaguchi, Chair of Chemistry at New Jersey City University (r). Dr. Sheridan delivered the address, Hydrosilyatioin and Hydrostannation of Alkynes" at a recent Hudson-Bergen Chemical Society meeting.



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# SCENES FROM SAN FRANCISCO NATIONAL MEETING



New York was nominated in three categories. Accepting the Very Large Section Award is Joan Laredo-Liddell. Will Lynch, Chair of LSAC (I) and 2006 President E. Ann Nalley (r).

Below, New York members celebrate winning the Very Large Sectopm Award at the ChemLuminary Presentations in San Francisco. (L to R): Ron Tedesco, Marilyn Jespersen, Neil Jespersen, Hiroko Karan, Joan Laredo-Liddell, Don Clarke, Anne O'Brien, Richard Cassetta, Frank Romano.





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New York Poster for 2005 (Chair, Dr. James Canary) at the ChemLuminary (L to R): Marilyn Jespersen, Hiroko Karan, Anne O'Brien, Ron D'Amelia, Dick Casseta, Neil Jespersen, Yorke Rhodes, Joan Laredo-Liddell. Don Clarke.

# North Jersey Meetings

http://www.njacs.org NORTH JERSEY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

There will be no December, 2006 NoJersey Executive Committee Meeting.

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#### METROWOMEN CHEMISTS — COLLEGE OF ST. ELIZABETH STUDENT AFFILIATES

Career Forum and Networking Meeting

Speaker: Valerie J. Kuck

The student affiliates of the College of St. Elizabeth and the Metrowomen Chemists are sponsoring a networking meeting for students and working chemists. Valerie Kuck, an experienced ACS Career Councilor, will speak on techniques for writing effective resumes. The talk will be followed by a networking supper in the College Cafeteria. Dinner is on your own, but we would appreciate having an estimate of the number attending. Please contact Maureen Chan by email, mgchan@verizon.net, or phone, 908-306-1006. Directions to the college are on the web at http://www.cse.edu. Be prepared to share your favorite career advice or to ask questions. Date: Monday, December 4, 2006

Date: Monday, December 4, 2006 Time: 5:00 to 8:00 PM Place: Saint Joseph's Hall College of Saint Elizabeth Morristown, NJ

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# TEACHER AFFILIATES

Executive Committee Meeting

 Date:
 Friday, December 8, 2006

 Time:
 4:30 PM

 Place:
 The Krone's Residence

 Contact:
 Diane Krone at 201-385-4810 or kroned@optonline.net

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# ChemTAG MEETING

Date: Tuesday, December 12, 206

Time: 4:00 PM Place: Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child 44 Blackburn Road Summit, NJ

Contact: Irene Sawschyn at isawchyn@aol.com or 908-522-8100



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# SCENES FROM PROJECT SEED POSTER SESSION, SEPTEMBER 2006



Allene Johnson with Zareen Mobin and Sara Yllescas and their project "Growth of Staphyloccus"



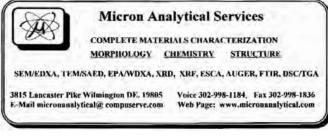
Jim Grow with Richard Medrino's study of Boron Carbide



Bettyann Howson discussing Tachyanna Thompson's Tuberculosis Study.



Ron Surani and Samual Alexander's study of "How to Create a Nanoshell"



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#### SCENES FROM ACS SAN FRANCISCO NATIONAL MEETING



Jeannette Brown and Stan Hall were awarded plaques for 25 year service on the ACS Council at the San Francisco National Meeting.

Jackie Erickson displays the No. Jersey Poster at the San Francisco National Meeting.

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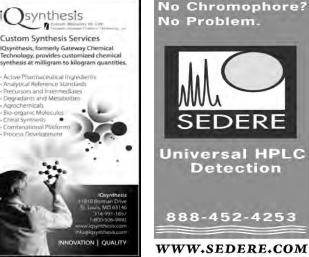
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#### SAMUEL DANISHEFSKY WINS INAUGURAL CREATIVITY AWARD

"We stand on the threshold of a new beginning if you will, as we celebrate the accomplishments of one of the true giants in the field of chemistry, medicine, and science in general," noted Dr. Michael M. Miller of Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. (Chair of the Organic Topical Group of the North Jersey Section of the American Chemical Society). This past September 20th Dr. Miller, his team of co-organizers, and Dr. Catherine T. Hunt of Rohm and Haas Co. (President-elect of the National ACS) were joined by over 250 participants to help honor a lifetime of achievements from one of the leaders in the field of organic chemistry, Professor Samuel J. Danishefsky. Professor Danishefsky, a chemistry professor at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center and Columbia University, was selected as the Inaugural 2006 Award recipient of "The Award for Creativity in Molecular Design and Synthesis.



The purpose of the Award is to celebrate the scientific, technical, and industrial impact of senior members of the American Chemical Society and their mentorship of younger members. The Award is given in recognition of accomplishment in pure or applied chemistry, as characterized by the initiative creativeness leadership and perseverance of the individual as indicated by published or unpublished evidence. "Accomplishment" for the purpose of this Award is understood to be that of a world renowned leader of unusual merit, with an emphasis on an individual who has demonstrated broad scoping impact in the areas of chemical synthesis, method development, bio-organic/medicinal chemistry, pharmaceutical sciences, and/or molecular recognition

Award Presentation: Dr. Hunt, Professor Danishefsky, and Dr. Miller.

Unlike the various other Awards which are bestowed upon members each year by singular organizations, "The Award for Creativity in Molecular Design and Synthesis" is unique in that it has been established by the North Jersey Section of the ACS and a combined consortium of organizations from the pharmaceutical sector and academic arena. The founding sponsors of this Award include: Bristol-Myers Squibb, Hoffmann-La Roche, Merck, Novartis, Schering-Plough, and Rutgers University.

Throughout the afternoon of the Award Symposium, attendees enjoyed five excellent talks from a series of Introducture attention of the Award Symposium, attendes enjoyed nive excement takis from a Series of former Danishefsky alumni which spanned the gamut from natural product synthesis and chemical method-ology to the impact of chemical biology and focused drug discovery programs. Selected speakers included: Professor Erik Sorensen (Princeton University), Professor Dalibor Sames (Columbia University), Professor Matthew Shair (Harvard University), Dr. David Myles (Epiphany Blosciences), and Dr. Roger Ruggeri (Pfizer). Danishefsky's breath of impact was not only highlighted through the oral presentations, but was further dis played by a poster session in his honor. Each poster was contributed by a member of the Danishefsky academic family – whether this be an academic child, grand child, or in some cases a great grand child. After a banquet dinner, Dr. Miller and Dr. Hunt presented "The Award for Creativity in Molecular Design and Synthesis," which consisted of a crystal plaque and a cash prize, to Professor Samuel Danishefsky evening was concluded by a final lecture on provocative problems in total synthesis by Professor Danishefsky where he described no less than seven landmark synthetic endeavors that spanned his career.

When Professor Danishefsky was the asked about Award, he admitted that he "was truly delighted to be the inaugural recipient of the Award for Creativity in Molecular Design & Synthesis, and added, "Sarah and I ... shall cherish it [the Award ceremony] for the rest of our davs.



Professor Danishefsky with Organizing Committee and Speakers.

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# **Call For Nominations**

# 2007 BAEKELAND AWARD

http://www.njacs.org/baekeland.html

The North Jersey Section of the American Chemical Society is soliciting nominations for the 2007 Leo Hendrik



s soliciting nominations for the 2007 Leo Hendrik Baekeland Award. The award is sponsored by Union Carbide Corporation and consists of a gold medal and a \$5,000 honorarium. The Section presents

the award biannually to commemorate the technical and industrial achievements of Leo Hendrik Baekeland and to encourage younger chemists to emulate his example. The Award is given in recognition of accomplishments in pure or applied chemistry to an American chemist as characterized by the initiative, creativeness, leadership, and perseverance of the individual (indicated by published or unpublished evidence) and who will be under the age of 40 as of Jan. 1, 2007.

Nominations for the Award should include a letter describing the nominee's achievements, a brief biography, and a list of the nominee's more important publications. Recommendation letters supporting the nomination are encouraged. Re-nominations are also encouraged, provided the age requirement is still met.

Please submit materials **by Dec. 31, 2006**, to: Ambarish K. Singh, Baekeland Award Committee, Bristol-Myers Squibb Company, Bidg. 19, Room 326, 311 Pennington-Rocky Hill Road, Pennington, NJ 08543.

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# 2007 LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD OF THE NoJ SECTION

The biennial award, funded by Novartis, consists of \$1,000 prize and a plague. It recognizes a North Jersey chemist or chemical engineer over fifty years of age, for conspicuous achievements in chemistry, not heretofore recognized by any major scientific awards.

Please submit nominations and supporting letters to Jiwen Chen, Awards Committee Chair, c/o NJ ACS, 4 Cameron Road, Piscataway, NJ 08854. Tel: 609-818-6319, email: jiwen.chen@yahoo.com. [Electronic submission of the nomination package welcomed) Nominations must be received by Feb 15, 2007. Visit http://www.njacs.org/ wards.html for more information and a list of past recipients.

### Others

#### ANALYTICAL TOPICAL GROUP Analytical Chemistry in Criminalistics (Forensic Science)

Speaker: Prof. Thomas A. Kubic John Jay College of Criminal Justice and CUNY Doctoral

Program in Chemistry The media have described the recent intense interest in forensic science as the CSI effect. Television and notorious cases especially those that involve celebrities such as O.J. Simpson and Robert Blake have swelled the numbers of young people desiring to enter this allegedly glamorous field of an applied science. What all this hype fails to mention is that the practice of criminalistics requires a solid undergraduate or graduate education in analytical chemistry. This seminar will describe the applications of various analytical chemical methods and techniques to the analysis of non-biological physical "transfer" evidence in the solution and prosecution of crime. Many of these approaches are just as valuable in civil actions. The importance of forensic experience in the interpretation of the data obtained will be discussed.

Date:Monday, November 20, 2006Time:6:00 PMPlace:The Graduate Center of the

City University of New York 365 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY The room number will be posted in the Lobby.

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# ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE Seminar Series - Fall 2006

December 6, 2006

"Seeing is Believing: Application of Imaging Mass Spectrometry for Drug Discovery" Dr. Jiwen Chen Sr. Research Investigator II

Clinical Discovery Technologies Bristol-Myers Squibb Co., Princeton, NJ

December 12, 2006 "Computational Chemistry Analysis of Semiconductor Substitution in Zeolite Catalysts" Dr. Preeti Kamakoti ExxonMobil Research and Engineering Annandale, New Jersey

Times: 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM Place: Tiernan Hall, Room 373

Seminar Coordinators: Dr Zevuan Qiu 973-596-5257

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